

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A packing tape containing an integrated slicing means and an apparatus for dispensing the packing tape is disclosed. In one aspect of the invention, the dispensing apparatus comprises a cutting blade operable to cut the packing tape perpendicular to its longitudinal axis, a roller operable to deliver the packing tape to the cutting blade. In another aspect the apparatus includes a notch creating means that forms a tab and/or notch in the packing tape. In still another aspect of the invention, the apparatus includes at least one protrusion creating means between the cutting blade and the roller operable to create a plurality of protrusions a fixed distance from an edge created by the cutting blade.